

of these or to lease toddy yielding trees to the Government vend farmer, tree tax should be paid and the trees on which it is leviable will be marked by the Excise officers.

As regards the mamul alleged of the smaller malnad proprietors furnishing free drink to their jitagars and cattle boys out of toddy drawn from trees in their lands, enquiry will be instituted by Deputy Commissioners and on receipt of their reports orders will be passed:

Summary of discussion.—(a) Lands containing date trees may be ordered to be given out for cultivation.

(b) Prompt disposal of darkhasts for such lands is desirable and can only be secured by the discontinuance of the present practice of Abkari Inspectors reporting upon them to Amildars who in their turn seek the orders of the Deputy Commissioner.

(c) All reserved groves should be demarcated and all waste land not included within the limits of such demarcation should be promptly given out for cultivation when applied for even though they may contain a few date trees or may be situate in the vicinity of reserved groves.

Reply of Government.—(a) (b) & (c). Complete lists will be prepared and published of lands required to be reserved as toddy groves. Lands not included in them will be available for cultivation, and darkhasts will be disposed of as quickly as possible.

Summary of discussion. (a)—(1) One-half of the tree tax levied by Government may be paid to the owners of the trees tapped as the latter cannot make their own arrangements for having their trees tapped and are entirely at the mercy of Government farmers.

(2) Some distinction should be made between trees in occupied land and trees in Government land so that the owners of the former may share in the realizations from the tree tax.

(3) Occupants of both alienated and unalienated lands are entitled to the full benefit of the revenue derived from the trees standing thereon.

Summary of discussion. (b)—The tax collected from date trees in Inam villages should go to the Inamdars.

Reply of Government.—(a) and (b). Tree tax is different from tree rent to which latter owners of lands are entitled. The scheme will be carefully considered before final orders are passed.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats are criminally prosecuted for occasionally cutting and removing date leaves for making ropes, c., for agricultural purposes; such cases should ordinarily be dealt with and disposed of on the Revenue side.

Subject No. 72
Grant of land containing date trees.

Subject No. 73
(a) Tree tax on date trees.

(b) Tree tax in Inam villages.

Subject No. 74
Cases of removal of date leaves by raiyats should be disposed of on the Revenue side.

Reply of Government.—Cases falling under the Rules published under Notification No. 35, dated the 10th May 1889 are dealt with on the Revenue side, the amount of fine imposed under the Rules being leviable as a Revenue demand under Section 193 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code.

Subject No. 75
Illicit manufacture
of Akki Bhoja.

Summary of discussion.—In almost all important villages, there are arrack and toddy shops and yet the illicit manufacture of Akki Bhoja (distillation from paddy) is being carried on to the detriment of the health of many a cooly. This article is openly sold apparently under the permission of Government officers as Mohatarfa is levied for the vending.

Reply of Government.—This will be enquired into.

Subject No. 76
Sale of Abkari con-
tract once in five
years.

Summary of discussion.—Annual sales of toddy shops lead to loss both to the contractors concerned and to the Government and may therefore be replaced by quinquennial sales.

Reply of Government.—This is not possible. The matter was discussed and settled last year.

Subject No. 77
Grant of live date
trees unfit for tapping
for building purposes
to raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—Dry trees being useless as building material, raiyats may be given for building purposes such live date trees as are unfit for tapping.

Reply of Government.—Green trees past bearing are being given.

Subject No. 78
Inamdars' claims to
Toddy Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—The claims of Inamdars to arrears of Toddy Revenue may be finally settled at an early date.

Reply of Government.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government and will be settled soon.

Subject No. 79
Inamdars' right to
Excise Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—In some Inam villages the Revenue from arrack and toddy is taken into account in calculating the Jodi and Gutta payable by the Inamdars though such revenue is enjoyed, not by the latter, but by Government. Either the excess collection should be refunded to the Inamdars or they should be allowed to open arrack and toddy shops in their villages.

Reply of Government.—The complaint is indefinite and will be enquired into if individual cases are brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner or Excise Commissioner.

Subject No. 80
Allowance to Patels
for Toddy Depart-
ment work.

Summary of discussion.—Patels deserve some remuneration for the services rendered by them to the Toddy Department.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 81
Raiyats to receive
half of realizations
from Ganja.

Summary of discussion.—One-half of the realizations from the cultivation of ganja may be paid to the raiyats concerned.

Reply of Government.—Noted.